

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events which take place in the Show-Me State at the county level of government; and

Whereas, on Thursday, January 29, 2004, the citizens and elected officials of Jasper County will gather together to observe the One Hundred Sixty-third Anniversary of the county's establishment as a political entity; and

Whereas, it was one hundred sixty-three years ago on January 29, 1841, that the split-log house of George Hornback in the pioneer village of Jasper on a bluff above Spring River was designated as the first, temporary courthouse of the newly-established county; and

Whereas, a few days before that historical date, on February 25, 1841, Governor Thomas Reynolds had appointed John P. Osborne as Sheriff and Samuel M. Cooley, Jeremiah Cravens, and Samuel B. Bright as County Court Judges who then selected Elwood B. James to serve as the first County Clerk; and

Whereas, at its inception Jasper County included all of what was to become Barton County and all but a three-mile-wide swath of land along the southern boundary of present-day Jasper County; and

Whereas, on March 28, 1842, the County Court adopted Carthage as the permanent county seat whose initial town survey included a provision for a public square with a courthouse at its center on the highest plateau in the land within the county's borders; and

Whereas, Jasper County constructed the current Jasper County Courthouse during 1894 and 1895 in the center of the Carthage square after using a succession of courthouse buildings that included temporary frame buildings, a two-story brick structure which was destroyed by fire in 1863, Cave Springs Academy, several business buildings, and a former church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of Jasper County and the impressive accomplishments of its citizens and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining the One Hundred Sixty-third Anniversary of the establishment of Jasper County as a governmental entity and our best wishes for a superb anniversary celebration; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Jasper County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronald F. Richard, #129

Representative Bryan P. Stevenson, #128

Representative Steve Hunter, #127

Representative Marilyn Ruestman, #131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker